SECRETARIAT OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL (REFORMS).

DEPARTMENT.

Branch. **File No.** D-2061/44-R.

ROUTINE PAPERS. 1944.

Subject.

Application from Professor William Coelho of St. Xavier's College, Bombay to work in any constitution making body which may be set up to frame the future constitution of India.

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The Professor has expressed a wish to serve on any Constitution Committee which may be set up to determine the form of the future Government of India. As the matter appears to be the concern of the Secretariat of the Governor General (Reforms) the letter may be passed on that office.
An acknowledgement and a Transfer memo. are put up.

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Secretariat of Governor General (Reforms)

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The news item from the Times of India which is referred to in para 1 of Professor Coelho's letter is not traceable. The Executive Council Office has already sent an acknowledgment. No further action seems to be necessary

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Bombay,
27th October 1944.

To

The Secretary to the Executive Council
of the Governor - General,
New Delhi

From

Prof. William Coelho,
St.Xavier's College,
Cruikshank Road,
Bombay 1.

Sir,

I beg to refer you to the news from Lahore entitled "Future Government of India" in the Times of India, dated 21.10.1944, wherein it is stated that "the setting up of a constitution committee to go into the form of the future Government in India is, it is learnt here on good authority, under consideration by the Government of India."

If the news is correct I wish to offer my services to Government for this kind of work. As a Professor of Modern Indian History and Constitution in the St. Xavier's College for the last fourteen years and as a post graduate lecturer and research guide of the University of Bombay in the same subject I have made an attempt to study the Indian constitutional and political problems in some detail and have contacted a few scholars and politicians for the purpose.

May I await your advice to submit a formal application to you through my superiors and to arrange to hold a lien on my present post? To facilitate any enquiry you would wish to make about me as a preliminary measure I beg to mention the names of two gentlemen among non-academicians for reference as to my aptitude for constitutional studies and my loyalty to Government:

1. The Hon'ble Dr B.R.Ambedkar
2. His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay.

Thanking you,

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

William Coelho

S. No. (2)

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10th November, 44

From

The Secretary to the Executive Council
of the Governor General,

To

Professor William Coelho,
St. Xavier's College,
Cruikshank Road,
Bombay 1.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th October, 1944, in which you have expressed a wish to serve on any Constitution Committee which might be set by Government to determine the form of the future Government in India, I am directed to state that your letter has been transferred to the Secretariat of the Governor General (Reforms), New Delhi, to which office all further communications on the subject may kindly be addressed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(E.C. Donoghue)
for Secretary to the Executive Council.

Issued
H. A. Haq
10.11.44